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Examiner: LEGREE, T

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

The following comments are in response to the Examiner's Amendment of November 5, 1999.

A. Information Disclosure Statement: A corrected Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was mailed on November 18, 1999 and receipt has been acknowledged by the USPTO return of an acknowledgement card, date stamped November 18, 1999. Confirmation of consideration of the references cited in the IDS will be appreciated.

B. Allowable Subject Matter: The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance includes a listing of diverse elements that are featured in various embodiments of the invention disclosed in the application but not all of which are included in individual ones of the allowed independent claims. This is followed by a statement in the second paragraph of Section 6. of the Examiner's Amendment:

The prior art of record does not teach or suggest the invention as described by the independent claims.

Applicant wishes to make explicit what is believed to be implicit in this quoted statement, by placing on record that any such listed feature not recited in any particular claim, is not an element of that claim, and consequently does not limit that claim. That is, the scope of each

claim is defined by the features recited in that claim and not by the features as listed in the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

Also, the change of address for correspondence noted below and in the accompanying formal advice of change, should be noted.

If the Examiner has any questions, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at 972-490-3695 would be appreciated.

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